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1. In a messaging system used for exchanging information, the system utilizing standard Internet protocol, a method for extending the protocol to allow for the ability to customize messaging operations performed on an electronic message without deviating from the protocol specification, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a standard command, wherein the standard command is based on a standard Internet protocol;

storing a user-created command, wherein the user-defined command is based on extensions of the standard Internet protocol, and wherein the standard command and the user-created command are used for manipulating the message;

constructing a chain of commands; and

executing the chain of commands to manipulate the message.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the chain of commands is executed according to priority.

3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of constructing a chain of commands further includes determining if the standard command will be included in the chain of commands.

4. A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the step of constructing a chain of commands further includes determining if the user-defined command will be included in the chain of commands.

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5. A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the step of constructing a chain of commands is initiated upon the raising of an event.

6. A method as recited in claim 5, wherein each command in the chain of commands relates to the raised event.

7. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the chain of commands includes a plurality of commands.

8. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the chain of commands consists of one command.

9. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the standard command is stored in a first database.

10. A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the user-defined command is stored in a second database.

11. A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the first database and the second database are the same database.

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1 12. A computer program product for implementing a method for extending
2 standard Internet protocol to allow for the ability to customize messaging operations
3 performed on an electronic message without deviating from the protocol specification, the
4 computer program product comprising:

5 a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for
6 executing the acts of:

7 storing a standard command, wherein the standard command is based
8 on a standard Internet protocol;

9 storing a user-created command, wherein the user-defined command is
10 based on extensions of the standard Internet protocol, and wherein the
11 standard command and the user-created command are used for manipulating
12 the message;

13 constructing a chain of commands; and

14 executing the chain of commands for manipulating the message.
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16 13. A computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the chain of
17 commands is executed according to priority.

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19 14. A computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the step of
20 constructing a chain of commands further includes determining whether to include the
21 standard command in the chain of commands.
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1 15. A computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the step of
2 constructing a chain of commands further includes determining whether to include the user-
3 defined command in the chain of commands.

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5 16. A computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the step of
6 constructing a chain of commands is initiated upon the raising of an event.

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8 17. A computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein each command
9 in the chain of commands relates to the raised event.

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11 18. A computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the chain of
12 commands includes a plurality of commands.

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14 19. A computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the chain of
15 commands consists of one command.

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17 20. A computer program product as recited in claim 12, wherein the standard
18 command is stored in a first database.

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20 21. A computer program product as recited in claim 20, wherein the user-defined
21 command is stored in a second database.

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23 22. A computer program product as recited in claim 21, wherein the first
24 database and the second database are the same database.

1 23. An electronic messaging system utilizing standard Internet protocol that can
2 be extended to allow for the ability to customize operations performed on an electronic
3 message, the system comprising:

4 a standard command, wherein the standard command is based on a standard
5 Internet protocol;

6 a user-defined command, wherein the user-defined command is based on
7 extensions of the standard Internet protocol; and

8 an event, wherein when the event is raised, a chain of commands is formed
9 and executed.

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11 24. A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the chain of commands is executed
12 based on priority.

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14 25. A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the chain of commands includes a
15 plurality of commands.

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17 26. A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the chain of commands consists of
18 one command.

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20 27. A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the chain of commands is formed by
21 determining whether to include the user-defined command.

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23 28. A system as recited in claim 27, wherein the chain of commands is formed by
24 determining whether to include the standard command.

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29. A system as recited in claim 28, wherein the chain of commands is formed and executed upon the raising of an event.

30. A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the standard command is stored in a first database.

31. A computer program product as recited in claim 30, wherein the user-defined command is stored in a second database.

32. A computer program product as recited in claim 31, wherein the first database and the second database are the same database.

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